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SHORTAGE OF MATERIALS AND ACCESSORIES BY TELECOM CIRCLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Circles are facing shortage of material and accessories;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to meet the shortage in each telecom circle?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, a large number of materials and accessories are required for telecom network and at any given time, there can be some shortages.

(b) At present, shortage in most telecom circles are mostly in respect of VRLA batteries, Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Integrated Fixed Wireless Terminals (IFWTs), Poly Insulated Jelly Filled Cable, New Technology Equipment for land lines, broadband ports, Jointing Kits, Digital Satellite Phone Terminals, drop wire, Optical Fibre Cable.

(c) To meet the shortages, tenders have been floated and Advance Purchase Orders/Purchase Orders have also been placed in many circles or are in process. In other cases, tenders are planned.